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VIA FACSIMILE
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUESTED

Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20314

Dear General Strock,

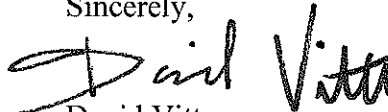
I have been informed that the Corps' schedule to complete the vitally important outfall canal pumps at Lake Pontchartrain has slipped (again) and that the work will not likely be done for the 2007 hurricane season.

Is this accurate?

Will this crucial pumping capacity be in place for this hurricane season?

I remain concerned that the Corps' target pumping capacities are insufficient. Failure to meet even these reduced levels is a gamble that we should not be taking. As you know, lack of this crucial pumping capacity threatens to flood the area from rainfall during a severe storm when the new outfall canal gates at the lake are closed.

Sincerely,



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